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EO 11652 : N/A

TAGS : SNAR MX

SUBJ : CRASH OF MEXICAN AIR FORCE HELICOPTER IN NW ZONE

1. SUMMARY : MEXICAN AIR FORCE (MAF) MODEL 206-B
RECENTLY RECONDITIONED ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT CRASHED
IMMEDIATELY AFTER LIFTING OFF FROM PAD AT CULIACAN ON
EVENING OF MARCH 2, WITH EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO COMPONENTS
AND AIRFRAME. NO FATALITIES. ONLY MINOR INJURIES
TO MAF PILOT; NO DAMAGE TO OTHER SURROUNDING AIRCRAFT.
END SUMMARY.

2. PRELIMINARY REPORTS TRANSMITTED BY RADIO AND TELE-
PHONE FROM CULIACAN BASE INDICATE MODEL 206-B, MAF
REGISTRATION NUMBER 1163 (ONE-ONE-SIX-THREE) ARRIVED
IN CULIACAN EARLY PART OF WEEK AFTER RECONDITIONING
AT AG HANGAR FACILITIES PREVIOUS WEEK.

3. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REVEALS LT. NAVA, FLYING
MAF 1163 AND ANOTHER MAF 206-B ALSO PILOTED BY MAF PILOT,
RETURNED TO CULIACAN BASE FROM MISSIONS AT ADVANCE BASES
TO REFUEL AND RETURN SAME EVENING. AFTER REFUELING, LT
NAVA, FLYING BY HIMSELF, BARELY LIFTED OFF FROM PAD
WHEN HE WENT INTO TILTING ATTITUDE, STRUCK GROUND WITH
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MAIN ROTOR BLADE, WHEREUPON MAIN ROTOR STRUCK TAIL
BOOM AND IMPACTED ON GROUND CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE
TO ENTIRE SIDE OF AIRFRAME.

4. BELL TECHNICIANS PRESENT IN CULIACAN NOW INSPECTING
CRASH DAMAGE TO ASCERTAIN POSSIBLE HYDRAULIC POWER FAILURE
CLAIMED BY PILOT. BELL INSTRUCTOR PILOT CARSON WHO

NOW IN CULIACAN COMMENTED, SUBJECT TO FURTHER INVESTIGATION,
THAT INITIAL EVIDENCE AND WITNESS STATEMENTS INDICATE
PILOT ERROR.
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